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Dear Mr. Kimble:

Thank you for submitting transportation project proposals in the 2014 regional solicitation process. A total of 116 applications to the Regional Solicitation met the qualifying criteria. Teams of transportation professionals from around the region scored the responses to the weighted criteria and ranked the projects by their total score. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended three funding options from the ranked project lists and forwarded them to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) for consideration.

On Wednesday, May 20, the TAB completed its review and discussion of the funding options. The regional solicitation is a very competitive process and the TAB awarded funds to 51 projects. The TAB is pleased to inform you that St Paul has been awarded TAP funding for the Indian Mounds Regional Park Trail Project.

A complete list of all the projects selected to receive federal funds can be found on the Metropolitan Council's website at:

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/Transportation/Planning-2/Transportation-Funding/Regional-Solicitation.aspx>

The selected projects have been approved for inclusion in the region's 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the State TIP, currently being developed by the Metropolitan Council and MnDOT, respectively, and scheduled for final approval in November 2015. The City has been approved for \$1,432,512 of funding for the Indian Mounds Regional Park Trail in 2019 through the Metropolitan Council's regional solicitation process. **In the meantime, you should contact Elisa Bottos, Federal Aid Engineer, at the MnDOT Metro State Aid Office at 651-234-7766 or elisa.bottos@state.mn.us to arrange a meeting and begin developing your projects.**

The TAB strongly encourages project sponsors to make every effort to get their projects ready for bid opening in the program year. Please refer to the base schedule in the attached program year policy.

If you have any questions, please contact TAB Coordinator Elaine Koutsoukos at 651-602-1717 or elaine.koutsoukos@metc.state.mn.us.

Sincerely,



James Hovland, Chair